

I'd rise to oppose the amendment. As has been indicated, there is a bill pending which would include both the General Fund and cash funds as it is proposed. Again, these are one of the programs that were...had funding discontinued last year. And, like all programs discontinued, had a worthy purpose. The rationale at that time for its discontinuation was that it was the kind of an activity that conceivably could be funded by those who were having problems rather than General Fund money to be used. It also, in reviewing the program at that time, and I'm somewhat hesitant to say it because I understand that when you have killer coyotes, that you pinpoint the killer coyotes to be killed, to be eradicated to solve a problem that the cost per coyote would appear very high. But as I recall the figures that we were given that they cost, or the number of coyotes eradicated, killed were in the vicinity of 1,000, not quite that many. If you multiply that times the state and the federal funds why it appeared to be quite expensive. Well, certainly if the program is to be continued it ought to be at least partially funded from fees, and I think the decision ought to be made on the pending bill that is on General File or is going to be amended into another bill, as I understand it. And it should be taken care of there rather than putting 70,000 in at this point which is not going to be adequate to fund the total program that they want, which is 112,000.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, you may close. But may I introduce some guests to Senator Schmit first. Under the north balcony we have some people who are here on behalf of the Mayor's Committee for International Friendship. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us this morning. Senator Lamb, to close on your motion.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I was tempted to, instead of asking for 70,000, to put the whole 112,000 in there. But I was guessing that probably did not have a chance. So I scaled that down to \$70,000. Now Senator Johnson, Senator Rod Johnson mentions LB 1001...I believe it is 1001 instead of 1101 he informs me. But it is still on General File. An amendment on that bill, although it is a priority bill, I'm not sure it's going to go any place. So this is an important program. . is one that needs to be funded one way or another. I think this probably needs to be done this year. If LB 1001 does come along we can subtract this amount out, if that is what the body wants to